House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State youths who truly embody the concept of "Outstanding Missouri Student" through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Dereck Raines of Princeton, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a high school student in the Princeton R-V School District; and

Whereas, on Tuesday, March 30, 2004, Dereck Raines will meet with state legislators in the Missouri House of Representatives to receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role he has performed in Missouri as a student leader; and

Whereas, after living independently from the age of sixteen, Dereck Raines became fully emancipated at the age of eighteen; and

Whereas, Dereck Raines has not allowed the necessity of full-time employment to interfere with his desire to prepare for a better future by studiously applying himself to his classes; and

Whereas, holder of a 3.7 grade point average, Dereck Raines has served two years as a Student Council representative, enjoyed election as president of National Honor Society, and participated on the football and basketball teams for two years each; and

Whereas, Dereck Raines not only has taken college preparatory and advanced classes, called colleges, set up campus visits, and figured out financing for college, but also has taken care of his own taxes, food, rent, and living expenses, and managed to find enough spare time to volunteer in the community through blood drive, health fair, and book fair opportunities:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Dereck Raines as an "Outstanding Missouri Student" and to extend to him this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on March 30, 2004, for special recognition as a guest in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of "Outstanding Missourian" Dereck Raines of Princeton, Missouri.

Offered by
Representative Jim Whorton
District No. 3
Joined by the Entire House Membership
I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of
Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second
Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and
correct copy of House Resolution No, adopted, 2004.
Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker